

EUGENIA R. SWEENEY.

FEBRUARY 14, 1895.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RYAN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2511.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions have considered the bill (S. 2511) to increase to \$50 the pension of Eugenia R. Sweeney and submit the following report:

This bill passed the Senate January 24, 1895. The petitioner is the widow of Thomas W. Sweeney, who served from November 23, 1846, to August 24, 1865, serving in the Mexican war and rising during the late war to the rank of brigadier-general. He was retired as brigadier-general May 11, 1870, and died April 10, 1892. The petitioner married the soldier September 30, 1867, and is pensioned at \$8 per month, as widow of a Mexican war soldier. It does not appear that she has filed any claim under the general pension laws. The facts are more fully set forth in Senate report No. 802, which it is not necessary to repeat here. Inasmuch as this lady has no pensionable status under the general laws, the soldier's death not being shown to have been due to his service, it is not believed to be proper or equitable to give her by special act a rate of pension higher than that allowed by the general law to the widows of men of the same rank who actually died in the service.

Your committee therefore recommend that the bill be amended by striking out the word "fifty," in line 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty," and that as so amended the bill do pass.

